

RICK ESTRIN and THE NIGHTCATS

“ Rick Estrin sings and writes songs like the brightest wiseguy in all bluesland and blows harmonica as if he learned at the knee of Little Walter. ”
-DownBeat



L to R: Chris "Kid" Andersen, Rick Estrin, Lorenzo Farrell, J. Hansen

WHAT THE CRITICS ARE SAYING:

Estrin is an amazing harmonica player, a soulful lead vocalist and a brilliant original songwriter. Estrin's harmonica sings alongside blues tunes that entertain audiences like no other in the genre.

San Francisco Chronicle

These are serious musicians out to have a hotter than hot good time. It's tough to stay in your seat when Estrin and his musical cohorts get cooking."

Chicago Sun-Times

Rollicking and raucous, super-cool and hip...saritcal, sharp lyrics and killer solos. It just doesn't get any better than this.

Blues Revue

Alligator Records has set a June 2 2009 release date for Twisted, the debut release from Rick Estrin and The Nightcats.

For more than 30 years and nine albums, Rick fronted the jumping, swinging Little Charlie & The Nightcats, featuring guitarist Little Charlie Baty. With Baty's recent retirement from touring, Estrin -- along with the Nightcats longtime rhythm section of J. Hansen and Lorenzo Farrell and a new member, fiery guitarist Kid Andersen -- takes the lead on his own.

In addition to his harmonica and vocal skills, Rick Estrin is a songwriter of unparalleled talent. Critics have compared him to Cab Calloway, Louis Jordan and Willie Dixon. Blues Revue declared, "Estrin has created some of the finest blues songs of any artist on the planet. His carefully wrought lyrics penetrate human weakness with the precision of a boxer, though more often than not, he chooses to leave you laughing after the blow's been struck."

The band's debut album, Twisted, while still swinging the blues, is a harmonica-driven, rocking, guitar-fueled rave-up. Featuring 14 songs (including 10 Estrin originals, two by Kid Andersen, one by Hansen, and a superb band-created instrumental), Twisted showcases Rick's seemingly effortless command of the harmonica, his streetwise vocals and his remarkable original songs.

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